V, — jSiR JOHN HAWKfNg'g PRETENTED TREACH-

ERY, IN THE SUMMED OF 1571; CARRIED ON WITH

THE KNOWILEDQE AND UNDER THE £ANCTIOJ^ OF QUEEN EJ^ABETH AJHD JL|ORD BURLEIQH.

Sir JOHN HAWKINS,

Letter of i\$f/i May_y 1571,
to Lord
B UJZGHLE Y^ to arrange for Pi
TZWILLIAMS to have access
to
the ^ueen of Scots.

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OUR good Lordship may be advertised, that FITZWILLIAMS hath been in the country to deliver his tokens, and to have had some speech with the Queen of Scots; which, by no means, he could obtain. Whereupon, he hath devised with me, that I should make some means to obtain him license to have access unto her, for her

letter to the
King of vSpain, for the better obtaining of our
men's liberty: which, otherwise, are not to be
released; which device I promised him I would
follow

And it it shall seem good unto your Lordship, he may be recommended by such credit as to your Lordship shall seem best: for, unless she be first spoken with, and answer from her sent into Spain, the credit for the treasure cannot be obtained.

If your Lordship think meet that FITZWILLIAMS shall be recommended to speak with her; if I may know by what sort your Lordship will appoint, there shall [be] all diligence